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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/71)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2012 (South Africa) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the completed programme of work for the month of January, *today*, 31 January 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

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New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) . . . . . [3 (b)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme

Joint meeting 2012

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Making United Nations operational activity work for accelerated development: Quadrennial comprehensive policy review (Delivering as One, results reporting) . . [3]

Chair

President, Executive Board of UNICEF
H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda

Introductory remarks

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP

Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

Discussion

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Transition . . . . . [4]

Chair

President, Executive Board of WFP
H.E. Mr. James A. Harvey, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Rome-based United Nations agencies

Introductory remarks

Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Excutive Director, UN-Women

Discussion

[Documents for the joint meeting can be consulted on the Web at the following address: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59925.html>.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 31 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the global field support strategy; and environment.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place *today*, 31 January 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azizi (Qatar), will take place *today*, 31 January 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation on the UNOPS revised Financial Regulations and Rules, *today*, 31 January 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 31 January 2012

Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (briefing by the United Nations Development Programme)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. — H.E. Mr. Baso Sangqu (South Africa), President of the Security Council for the month of January (end-of-term press conference)

5 p.m. — H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar; and Dr. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the Arab League [*Moderator*: Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information] (on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic)

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing on helicopters, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to *4.30 p.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, convened by the Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, to discuss the working methods of the Committee, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Friday, 3 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold its organizational session from Tuesday, 7 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Briefings

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

There will also be a briefing by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, followed by an interactive discussion on the current global economic outlook and the related policy challenges based on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012* report, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Vos (e-mail vos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4838).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2012/1. Further information on the fiftieth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding their accessibility requirements, at the earliest (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2012/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.

List of side events

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefings

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will brief representatives of non-governmental organizations on preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, **will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served** basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Thursday, 2 February 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and causes of conflict)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, from *9.30 a.m.* to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Special event on "Common ground for the common good" (to mark the concluding day of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the NGO Community at the United Nations)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[Opening remarks would be delivered by the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General. All are invited to attend. Kindly register at <www.interfaithharmonyweek.info>, *by Sunday, 5 February 2012*. Click here for the message of the President of the General Assembly for the 40-day countdown to the Week. For further information, please contact Ms. Amena Cheema, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail cheema1@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4517).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and.

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 30 January 2012

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Organizational Committee

1st meeting

The outgoing Chair, H.E. Mr. Eugène-Richard Gasana (Rwanda), declared open the first meeting of the sixth session of the Organizational Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/6/OC/1.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session (PBC/5/OC/L.1) [2]

The Committee had before it the draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifth session, as contained in the document PBC/5/OC/L.1.

The Committee adopted the draft report.

Election of the Chair and other officers [3]

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen (Bangladesh) as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for a period of one year ending on 31 December 2012, by acclamation.

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Ranko Vilović (Croatia) as Vice-Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for a period of one year beginning on ending on 31 December 2012, by acclamation.

The outgoing Chair made a statement.

The Chair-elect made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, India, France, Brazil, Ukraine, Chile, Tunisia, El Salvador, Japan, Nigeria and Croatia.

Other matters [4]

No other matters were discussed.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The temporary Chair of the Committee, Mr. Marghoob Saleem Butt (Pakistan), opened the 2012 regular session of the Committee.

Election of officers [1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova (Bulgaria) as Chair of its 2012 regular session.

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee postponed the election of the other members of the Bureau to a later date.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.2/2012/1.

Organization of work

The Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in Working Paper No. 1.

Schedule of work

The Committee approved its tentative schedule of work, as orally revised.

The Acting Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

General statements were made by the representatives of China, Belgium, Morocco, Pakistan and the Sudan.

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat [5]

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304 [6]

General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non- Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [8]

An introductory statement was made by the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Belgium, Pakistan, China, Israel, Peru and Burundi, as well as by the observer for Argentina.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 21 non-governmental organizations.

2nd meeting *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Israel and Belgium, as well as by the observer for Indonesia.

The representatives of Belgium, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Burundi, the United States, the Sudan, Morocco and Senegal posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Pragya; All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis; Famille Debout; Innovation Africa; and The Institute for Conscious Global Change, Inc.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 26 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Ukraine (30 January 2012)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Ukraine (30 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou

Asia-Pacific States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hussein Haniff

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
H.E. Ms. Sanja Štiglic

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Portugal
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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Fifty-second session

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